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SUBJECT: FACILITY SECURITY CLEARANCE AT NRC-LICENSED FACILITIES PARTICIPATING  
IN LEAD TEST ASSEMBLY (LTA) PHASE OF DOE'S PROGRAM FOR TRITIUM  
PRODUCTION

Dear Mr. Sohinki:

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Following discussions with the DOE Office of Safeguards and Security, the NRC and DOE staffs have agreed that DOE will perform the National Industrial Security Program cognizant security agency responsibilities applicable to the protection of classified matter at the Watts Bar and Westinghouse, Columbia facilities during the LTA irradiation phase of this program. As agreed, DOE will provide the NRC with copies of the DOE-approved security plans for these facilities, invite NRC to participate in facility security reviews, and keep the NRC Division of Facilities and Security fully and currently apprised of security and classification matters at these facilities.

This agreement and the decision regarding future overall security responsibility for this program will be re-evaluated following completion of the LTA irradiation phase.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Raymond Brady at (301) 415-8100.

Sincerely,  
Original Signed By:  
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